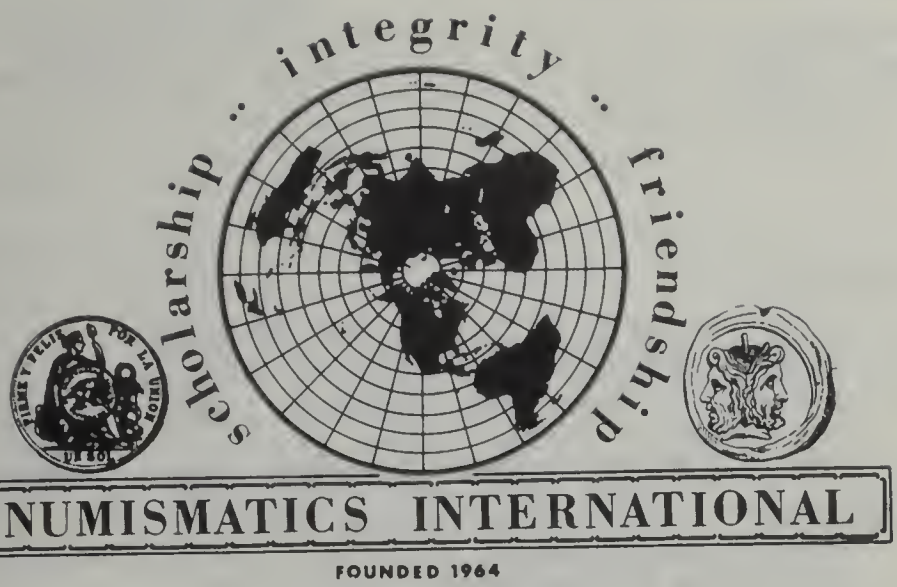

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SPEAKER: Edward E. Slade, Jr.

Mr. Slade will display the coinage covered by his presentation and augment the talk with approximately 35 color slides. The slides and text for the program will be added to the NI Library after the meeting and will be available to members for use at future meetings of your own local groups in which you may belong.

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JAPAN:	Y83	100 Yen 1970, Copper-Nickel, 1970 World Exposition Comm.	1.25
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	Y87	50 Centavos 1970, Copper-Nickel	.50
		(Both above -- Redesigned Obv.)	
NEW ZEALAND:	Y44	1 Dollar 1970, Copper-Nickel Royal Visit Commemorative	3.50
RAS AL KHAIMA:	Y1	1 Rial 1969, Silver	1.85
	Y2	2 Rials 1969, Silver	2.50
	Y3	5 Rials 1969, Silver	5.00

A MESSAGE TO MY NI FRIENDS FROM AMSTERDAM

by Matthew J. van der Voort

Due to recent serious illness, I have been unable to fulfill my committment to NI for a regular contribution to the Bulletin. But now I have recovered to the extent that my doctors have allowed me to resume my writings. However, due to the fierce winter we've had here in Holland, which still lingers on, I cannot leave my home as of yet. Naturally, since so much time has elapsed since my last contribution, I have some news items which may interest the readers of the NI Bulletin.

First, the sad news, that Mr. Burgers of the Hague, Netherlands, who applied for membership of NI, suddenly died in January of this year. I knew Mr. Burgers very well; he was an outstanding numismatist, specializing in currency. He held a governmental job at the Foreign Office of the Netherlands, and many times was of great assistance to me when I had to deal with Russian matters to the extent that I needed governmental help to achieve my aims. He was, by modern standards, no means an old man. He died at the age of 58 from a heart attack. A salute to his memory seems to be proper in this Bulletin, moreso as fate prevented him from the joy of being an active member of our Organization. May God have his soul!

A more pleasant news item is that I could talk the largest Dutch newspaper into opening a numismatic column. This paper, "De Telegraaf", was impressed by the way general numismatics is going and therefore were only too eager to accept my suggestion to open this column, which, of course, is written by me. It is encouraging to perceive how much mail I receive, although some people really are putting silly questions before me. One example: a gentleman wrote me he had a Daalder (Thaler) of the Spanish King Philip II, dated 1567. His question was -- "what was this piece worth"? It is clear that no appraisal can be given without seeing the coin. Moreover, it depends on the Mint where the coin was struck. Realizing that under the reign of Philip II coins were minted at at least a dozen Mints it is clear that no estimation of the value of the said coin could be given. But it is a good thing that the response of the general public, not collectors, is so very satisfactory. "De Telegraaf" is the first daily newspaper in Holland to now have such a column.

The NI Bulletin editor, Marvin Fraley, has asked me for my opinion of the new look of the NI Bulletin. Well, to be honest, as a former insurance man, I always have heard many complaints on the "small print" in insurance policies. Sure enough, the Bulletin has more space now, but.....!

Another news items I have should certainly be of interest to our members. On May the 5th Holland will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Liberation by Allied forces of German oppression. On this occasion a commemorative coin of 10 Guilders will be issued, struck in silver. Only 5,000,000 are struck and it will depend on the demand for the coin whether

more will be struck. Since our population is 13,000,000 it is not sure if everyone who wants such a coin will get it. I have ordered 6 copies and if I get them, I can serve some of my friends abroad with the coin. It must be observed this will be the first commemorative ever struck in the Netherlands. A peculiar circumstance is that coin dealers are in a kind of mess, since it is against the law to sell a normal coin, intended for circulation, at a higher price than its face value. There can be no doubt, that this forthcoming commemorative will share the fate of all commemorative coins; they will disappear from circulation and be hoarded by the general public. In this sense, I personally am against the issue of commemoratives, since they never will serve their real purpose. As a numismatist, I, of course, will keep a copy for my own collection, which only illustrates what I have said heretofore.

I believe the time of commemoratives is over. They will never serve their real purpose and since more and more, also in my country, payments are made by credit cards, and, to an increasing extent, cash is not needed. If not the recent discovery of nickel mines in Australia had occurred, I was convinced that in, say 10 years from now, coinage all over the world would be struck in plastic. Who cares to drop a plastic quarter into a parking meter or any kind of vending machine?

In early times, when a coin had to be of its intrinsic value of the metal it was struck in, or shall I say struck of, my English is not 100% flawless, to be sure! -- trade was hardly possible. Thus, the wide circulation all over the world of the Spanish pieces of eight and the Dutch lion thalers. I am aware that the opinions ventilated here may be subject to discussion. I will gladly answer eventual letters from readers of the Bulletin on these problems.

Best regards to all the NI members I happen to know, either personally or through correspondence.

MINTS ON MOROCCAN COINS 1882-1920

by John K. Graves

In Richard S. Yeoman's "A Catalog of Modern World Coins" he mentions on Page 327 (8th Edition) under Morocco that the Mints are Fez, Birmingham, Berlin and Paris. However, no indication is made to aid the collector in identifying the different mints.

For the benefit of NI members, below are examples of the mint as it is shown on the coinage dated 1882-1920.

فاس Fez

ناشلنك Birmingham

برلين Berlin

ناتزين Paris Mint

GRADING OF SWISS COINS
by
Robert L. Clarke

1 RAPPEN
1850-1946

2 RAPPEN
1850-1946

UNC — No wear, no scratches or flaws, not even the slightest flattening of the upturned hat brim. Will usually have luster but not necessarily so. If no luster, the coin usually appears an even dull color. Any wear is more apparent on the dull than on the lusterous as the latter may be cleaned. I am very reluctant to call any coin UNC unless I am very familiar with its history. (So called "bag marks" on large silver pieces down grade the coin from UNC to EF in my opinion).

EF — Only the slightest flattening of the hat brim. May have some luster but not necessary - no scratches or rim flaws.

VF — The hat brim is noticeable flattened but all the vertical lines of the shield are still strong and clear. Minor rim flaws may be present especially on the one rappen. Hat feathers are somewhat flattened.

F — Hat feathers quite flat. Points of shield, especially the two top corners are worn. Vertical lines of shield are still distinct but show some wear.

VG — Vertical lines of the shield are fading out, especially in the upper part. The cross is worn flush with the vertical lines of the shield.

Grading of Swiss Coins
by Robert L. Clarke

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5 RAPPEN
1850-1878

10 RAPPEN
1850-1876

20 RAPPEN
1850-1859

UNC — No wear, no scratches or flaws, not even the slightest flattening on the edges of the turned under top projections of the shield (These are first points of wear)
I have rarely seen one of these with natural luster and believe that what is encountered is the result of cleaning.

EF — Only the slightest wear on the edges of the underturned top projections of shield. No scratches or rim flaws.

VF — All four corners of the shield show some wear but the vertical lines are still completely divided. Minor rim flaws may be present.

F — Noticeable wear at corners of the shield with vertical lines beginning to blur at these corners. Cross is still very distinct and clear.

VG — Cross is still distinct but vertical lines have worn away so that the now smooth shield face touches the cross on one or more sides. Vertical lines still present in the angles of the cross.

I downgrade a coin one full grade (i.e. from EF to VF, VF to F, etc.) for edge damage that resulted from post striking damage. Early Swiss coins, especially minors, seem to have abundant rim flaws that I believe are due to poorly prepared planchets at time of striking and have noted this factor above.

NEW LEGEND ON IRANIAN COINAGE

by Patrick D. Hogan

I recently noted that the newest issues of Iran, formerly Persia, have a change in the legend. It is not known if Whitman will make this a new type, or sub-type, when the next issue of "Current Coins of the World" is published.

The new pieces issued since 1346 (1967) have the title "Arya-Mehr" added. Perhaps some of the 1346 coinage also have this legend change. The full title below the crown on the "reverse", i.e., the side on which the lion does not appear is: Muhammad Riza Shah Pahlevi Arya Mehr Shahinshah. The Shah took this title late in 1346 (October 1967). Arya Mehr means Light of Aryans. Though it would seem reasonable to assume that few, if any, coins dated 1346 would bear this title, I could not say with any certainty, for the Muslim dates do not generally begin in January.

Muḥammad Riẓa Shāh Pahlevi Aryā-Mehr Shāhinshāh

محمد رضا شاه پهلوی آریا مهر شاهنشاه

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THE 1822 SILVER STUIVER OF CURACAO

by Darwin Gregory

There are three distinct varieties of the 1 Stuiver 1822 of Curacao listed as Yeoman YA1 and Craig C8.

Variety #1 -- Struck at an unknown private mint in the U.S. Compact date, weight 0.81 grams.

Variety #2 -- Same as #1 except -- Wide date, weight 0.89 grams.

Variety #3 -- Struck at Utrecht in 1841; wide date as Var. #2, but lettering different. Weight 0.89 grams.

Craig states that most of these 1822 dated 1 stuiver coins were struck in 1840-41. I believe this is incorrect. Scholten, in "The Coins of the Dutch Overseas Territories 1601-1948", gives mintages of 360,000 struck in the U.S. in 1822 and 169,007 struck at Utrecht in 1841.

Staff Reports & Club News:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MARCH APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership applications #431-435 published in the March Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

APRIL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by May 1, 1970, their membership will become effective that date:

436-MT Benjamin N. SPENCER, 162 West 56th St., New York, New York 10019 -- (World Types)

437 A119510 A. C. LAUFER, I. R., EDP Section, Base Sqn., RAAF Base Fairbairn, Canberra Act 2600, Australia (World Types)

438-MT E. VAN DER WAL, Roggeveenstraat 21 I, Amsterdam, Netherlands -- (World Commemorative Coins)

439 Wayne G. KUBERT, Jr., 1014 Briar Cliff Lane, Clinton, Iowa 52732 -- (World Types)

440-MT Prof. Herbert ROEBLITZ, 705 Leipzig, Leninstrasse 155 DDR (German Democratic Republic) -- (Saxonia)

441-MT Klaus THIEME, Leipzig, Georg-Schumann Strasse 7 DDR (German Democratic Republic) -- (Coinage of the Abbeys, Bishopries, etc. of the German States from Medieval times to 1803.)

(MT -- Will Trade by Mail)

COMING NEXT MONTH:

The annual printing of the membership list will be mailed next month and will comprise the major portion of the Bulletin. Resumption of the regular bulletin format will commence in June Anyone that has not notified us to omit your address from the membership list may still do so if done promptly. This notification must be no later than April 15th, the meeting date.

SPECIAL REPORT

1970 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Once again we are asking the members to compete in a drive to add new members to our organization. To be honest, the purpose of this drive is mainly finances to operate the club. We have learned since the first of the year that to continue publishing a Bulletin of the quality we are now doing, we must raise more revenue as the $3.00 annual dues will not cover its cost along with mailing costs.

We are presently printing 500 copes of the bulletin each month and have a membership of about 227. It is economically not feasible to print less than 500 copies as the printer tells us that less than 500 is not hardly worth the time for getting the press set up.

As anyone can readily ascertain by a little mathematics, we can add 200 to 250 more members to the NI membership rolls and not increase our printing costs one cent. This additional revenue from the 200 to 250 new members would more than offset the increased mailing costs of a larger membership and the printing costs which we are presently going into the hole on.

Everyone's help is requested in raising our membership to around 500 by the end of 1970. This is a must project in order to continue furnishing you a high quality Bulletin.

The 1970 Membership Drive will last from now until January 1, 1971.

For each Ten (10) new members any present member signs up into NI, they will receive One (1) Year's Free Dues. For example, if you sign up 30 new members, your dues will be free for the years 1971, 1972 and 1973. There is no limit as to the number of years free dues you may win.

Membership Applications Blanks are now ready for your use. If you wish to compete in the drive, write Jack E. Lewis at the club address requesting application blanks.

Names of the leading "recruiters" will be published each month in the Bulletin. At the end of the drive, a recap will be made announcing the leading recruiters and the number of years free dues they have won.

WRITE FOR YOUR APPLICATION BLANKS TODAY! YOUR HELP IS A MUST!

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:

The following articles are on hand and will be published in later issues of the NI Bulletin during 1970:

"Silver Coins of Poland - 1924/1939" -- Henry W. Schab

"The Madonna of Hungary" -- Dolores H. Davis

"A Listing of Oriental Coins" -- Patrick D. Hogan
(A Continuing Feature of the NI Bulletin which will eventually recatalog all coinage of the oriental nations for the period 1750-1850.)

More articles are in the works, such as "Dating of Siamese Coinage".

Articles are invited from all members and assistance will be furnished by the Bulletin Staff, whenever requested. If you have a favorite subject or work that you would like to see in print, please contact us at once.

STAFF APPOINTMENT:

President William E. BENSON recently appointed Dolores H. DAVIS to handle all publicity for Numismatics International. Dolores who lives in Flint, Michigan, has set a goal to get information published about NI's activities in as many numismatic publications as possible.

Since it is not possible for the local staff to subscribe to all numismatic publications, it is requested that all members be on the lookout for news releases concerning NI in the various publications and send a copy of the item to the club address for inclusion in the Club History, maintained by Ed Edwards.

If any member has connections with a numismatic publication and would like to include news of NI's activities in it, please write Dolores H. Davis, 2001 W. Hobson Ave., Flint, Michigan 48504, asking that your publication be placed on the list to receive monthly and periodic news releases.

Fred Drost, 110 Ridgefield St., Meriden, Conn. 06450: Burmese mint information urgently needed for research project. I would appreciate assistance from NI Members, especially on the Mandalay Mint, 1850s-1870s. Thank you.

John Hunter, R.F.D. 1, Hillsboro, N.H. 03244: Would like to trade Germany Y11, Y43, Y81, Y93 for same; but different mintmarks. Please write what you need and what you have to trade. Also need Y113, Y114 and Y116. Thanks.

Bob Ballard, 716 Loughborough, St. Louis, Missouri 63111: WANTED: Morocco Y-A1. Tunisia Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 24, 25, 43, 44. Also like to buy or borrow the book "Contribution a' L'Histoire du Maroc (Par les Recherches Numismatiques)" by J. D. Brethes, printed in Casablanca, 1939.

Granvyl Hulse, American Embassy Box 40, FPO New York 09510: Am interested in doing research on the coins of modern Lebanon. Need to know where Y20 and Y21 were struck, mintages for these as well as those struck by the mint at Bern. Also need details on the undated Y11, 12 and 13. Would appreciate anyone with the above information contacting me.

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